

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE
MINUTES OF THE DINNER MEETING of the McMinnville City Council
Held at the Kent L. Taylor Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza
McMinnville, Oregon
August 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors: Present

Remy Drabkin	Kellie Menke
Scott Hill	Alan Ruden
Kevin Jeffries	Larry Yoder

Also present were City Manager Martha Meeker, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, Police Chief Matt Scales, and a member of the news media, Don Iler of the *News Register*.

DINNER

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the Dinner Meeting to order at 6:22 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. He gave a brief overview of the Habitat for Humanity's tour of the Aspire development. He noted that the tour was very informative and the tour leader had fielded many of the Councilors' questions.

BRIEF AGENDA OVERVIEW: Mayor Olson briefly overviewed the Council's Regular Meeting agenda. He noted that Fire Chief Leipfert would present a certificate of appreciation to Tom Bernards who recently assisted the Department on a wildland fire.

Mayor Olson noted that there would be a presentation by Howie Harkema regarding homeless and his vision for a "Compass Center" and a presentation by Savenia Falquist who would discuss the Henderson House's history and need for expansion.

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY: City Manager Meeker overviewed the terms for an interim City Attorney. She advised that the law firm of Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins had been contacted regarding interim legal services and that Walt Gowell, partner in the firm, would be the lead attorney for the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the Dinner Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

CITY OF MCMINNVILLE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING of the McMinnville City Council
Held at the Kent L. Taylor Civic Hall on Gormley Plaza
McMinnville, Oregon

Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Presiding: Rick Olson, Mayor

Recording: Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary

Councilors: Present

Remy Drabkin	Kellie Menke
Scott Hill	Alan Ruden
Kevin Jeffries	Larry Yoder

Also present were City Manager Martha Meeker, City Attorney Candace A. Haines, Community Development Director Mike Bisset, Parks and Recreation Director Jay Pearson, and members of the news media, Don Iler of the *News Register* and Dave Adams of KLYC Radio.

AGENDA ITEM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilor Menke led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Olson asked for comments from the audience regarding items not on the evening's agenda.

Alex Pfeiffer, 368 SW West Hills, spoke about his concerns regarding the City's new ordinance on loaded weapons within the City of McMinnville. He told the Council that they must rescind the ordinance; remove any mention referring to firearms in City parks; and they will not run for re-election. He noted that he and others would make sure they did not win re-election. He advised that he had counted the signs in the City's park system and there were seven signs that need to be corrected out of a total of 19 or 20 signs.

Mayor Olson noted for the record that the Council had received a threat from Mr. Pfeiffer. In response to Mayor Olson's request, City Attorney Haines explained the need for updated language on the signs in the City's parks system. City Manager Meeker added that the sign language was incorrect and that she believed public places were not the place for those who carried guns without a concealed weapon permit. She explained that those with a concealed weapons permit had been trained in the use of firearms.

Mr. Pfeiffer opined that the new ordinance seemed unreasonable in that it applied to sidewalks, streets, and other public places.

Police Chief Scales explained how the ordinance would work from an enforcement standpoint. He stated that if there were someone who was concerned about a person carrying a weapon in public, the police would come and assess. They can talk with the person; however, the person does not need to talk with the police. They will check to ensure that no one's rights are violated.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Pfeiffer invited everyone to an open-carry, family-friendly bar-be-que with free food.

Jim Densmore, 433 SW West Hills, pointed out that all of the mass shootings around the nation have almost always occurred in gun-free zones. He stated that when he enters a business where guns are not allowed, his feeling of safety is diminished.

Mark Riche, 1427 5th Street, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to speak. He stated that he believed that without a gun, he is a target and his and others' safety, is in danger. A person needs the right to protect him/herself. He believed that people's rights are being walked upon.

Doug Johnson, 1642 NW Yohn Ranch Drive, asked if he understood correctly that the ordinance allows for carrying a weapon if concealed and if one has a concealed weapon permit. City Attorney Haines responded that Mr. Johnson was correct and that if one has a concealed weapon permit, the weapon can also be openly carried. Mr. Johnson stated that, for the record, he supported the decision the Council made and that from his perspective, by allowing for the concealed weapon permit, the Council has not infringed on any constitutional right.

CONSIDER MINUTES: Councilor Hill MOVED to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015 City Council Dinner and Regular meetings as submitted; SECONDED by Councilor Menke. Motion PASSED unanimously.

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McMINNVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: Fire Chief Leipfert asked Mr. Tom Bernard to come forward. He noted that this summer's drought had been especially difficult on state, county, and local fire departments. He stated that rarely does a department have someone who participates in fire fighting endeavors right along side of the firefighters. Chief Leipfert advised that he was recognizing Mr. Bernards for his efforts on July 18, 2015 when he assisted the Fire Department during a standing grain fire. He used the water on his truck and was able to spray the fire with water until the Fire Department arrived on scene. He then continued to help

fight the fire. Chief Leipfert presented Mr. Bernards with a Certificate of Appreciation. The Mayor and each of the Councilors joined Chief Leipfert in giving thanks to Mr. Bernards.

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OLD BUSINESS

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PRESENTATION ON HOMELESS BY HOWIE HARKEMA: Mayor Olson welcomed Howie Harkema. Mr. Harkema thanked the City Council for attending the various homelessness discussions and meetings. He also thanked City Manager Meeker for setting up the panel discussions.

Mr. Harkema prefaced his PowerPoint presentation by stating that with regard to the homeless in McMinnville, every person deserves a second chance. He advised that he had been the Operations Manager at the St. Barn bus Soup Kitchen for over seven years and had become well-acquainted with many who have experienced homelessness.

Mr. Harkema overviewed Oregon's poverty and homelessness statistics and advised that 17.2 percent of Oregon's population lived in poverty; and Oregon ranked number five in the nation for homelessness - 20,000+ individuals were counted in 2014 as being homeless.

Mr. Harkema laid out his vision for a one-stop homeless facility that would incorporate an all-inclusive multi-purpose emergency and transitional homeless shelter with build-in vocational job training and educational programs, in house community resource provider satellite offices, and a free medical clinic. The green-built facility would shelter between 50 to 70 individuals in emergency and/or transitional housing and another 50 to 70 apartment beds for individuals and families. The facility would be completely handicapped accessible and would include child day care, laundry facilities, a dining hall and great room, showers, computer lab, a useable address mailroom, telephone and fax services, movie nights, vegetable garden, and ample parking. The facility would offer GED classes, computer training, job search, vocational and job interview training, goal-setting, budgeting, counseling, and arts and crafts classes. He showed a depiction of the facility, called the Compass Center.

Mr. Harkema stated that there is a Steering Committee in place for the Compass Center and they have filed for non-profit status.

Mr. Harkema emphasized the importance of housing first and that if those who are homeless have a safe and secure shelter in which to live, they can begin to pull themselves out of poverty. He stated that although the poor would always be with us, there were things that could be done to assist them. All of the agencies could work in collaboration.

Following Mr. Harkema's formal presentation, there was extensive discussion regarding homelessness in general and Mr. Harkema's vision for the Compass Center. Each of the Councilors offered their thanks to Mr. Harkema for his ceaseless work in helping those who are homeless and living in poverty.

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PRESENTATION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAVENIA FALQUIST ON THE HENDERSON HOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT: Mayor Olson welcomed Henderson House Executive Director Savenia Falquist. Ms. Falquist thanked Mayor Olson and the Council for the opportunity to give a brief history of Henderson House and to overview her plans for growth. She noted that they recently opened a playroom for the kids with volunteers who watch over the children while their mothers have respite, cook, and look for employment. Additionally, they teach the women (and men) how to go to school, to budget, to access resources, and how to do other daily living tasks. She advised that if Henderson House had expansion room, their numbers would be even higher.

Each of the Councilors offered their thanks to Ms. Falquist and noted that they would like to learn more about programs at the successful Henderson House.

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NEW BUSINESS

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COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Olson advised that he would like to appoint Councilor Yoder to the Yamhill County Transit Committee. He noted that Councilor Yoder had previously served on this Committee, prior to former City Councilor Paul May. The liaison position was currently vacant (since Councilor May's retirement) and he said he would like to reappoint Councilor Yoder. By consensus, the City Council approved Councilor Yoder's appointment.

ADD ITEM: Councilor Hill stated that since City Attorney Haines would be retiring at the end of September and the newly appointed City Attorney would not be in place for an as-yet-to-be-determined period of time, it was necessary to appoint someone for interim legal services. He asked for consensus to appoint Walt Gowell of Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins, P.C. as interim City Attorney. By consensus the appointment was approved. Mayor Olson noted that Mr. Gowell is well-versed in municipal law.

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RESOLUTION

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ACCEPTING A GRANT OFFER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION (FAA) FOR THE AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Community Development Director Bisset referred to his brief memorandum in the Council packet and advised that this was the second of many FAA Improvement Project Grants for the runway improvement project. He advised that the FAA grant would fund nearly 90 percent of the project's design and

construction costs. The City's required 10 percent match is funded by a Connect OR V grant.

Councilor Menke MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2015-41 accepting a grant offer and authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the Airport Improvement Project; SECONDED by Councilor Yoder. Motion PASSED unanimously.

5 ADVICE / INFORMATION ITEMS

5 a and b COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Each Councilor and Department Head present gave a brief report.

5 c WINGS AND WAVES RECREATION AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION
EXTENSION ON PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION: City Manager Meeker explained that because staff and attorneys at the Wings and Waves Recreation and Education Foundation had run out of time regarding their request for property tax exemption, they had determined it was in their best interest to withdraw their application. They will submit a new application at a later date. City Attorney Haines added that they were aware of the need to withdraw their application and were in concurrence with the decision.

6 ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Olson adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Rose A. Lorenzen, Recording Secretary